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(Phoenix, AZ – July 28, 2010) – With U.S. District Court Judge Susan Bolton’s issuance of a preliminary injunction preventing several sections of Arizona’s new immigration law from going into effect Thursday, domestic violence victims and advocates are breathing a sigh of relief.

The portions of SB1070 that will not go into effect as a result of the judge’s temporary injunctions would have diverted law enforcement’s time, energy, and resources from enforcing important laws related to public safety, such as domestic violence.

“While we know that the court battles are sure to continue and the fate of SB1070 and its related provisions is far from settled,” reacted Allie Bones, Executive Director of the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence, “we are hopeful that today’s ruling will alleviate the fears of many victims of domestic violence and other violent crimes against women, men and children so that they will continue to reach out for support and assistance from law enforcement and the community.”

AzCADV will continue to advocate for policies that make it safe for victims of domestic violence and bystanders, regardless of their immigration status, to contact law enforcement when a domestic violence crime occurs. We remain hopeful Judge Bolton’s ruling will be upheld on appeal and that eventually SB1070 will be overturned in its entirety.

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